



Motivate, Innovate and Create



Great Resources

Blog:

Pesonalising Teaching and learning with ICT

Students can personalise their Learning space by creating their own avatar using the avatar creator and they can select the theme and background for their space.

edTube:

Objects from the past

Access key A84414653

Created by Kate Maccoll

This album is a place to share your own videos, photos or sounds of objects from the past (>20 yrs old) of all sorts and shapes eg tools, clothing, books, household items..

Japan - Sights and delights

Access key A779331

Created by Adrian Greig
Images of Japan.

African Animals and Landscape

Access key A158169

Created by Jacqui Wilson



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Converting PowerPoint to video

A very handy PowerPoint process to know about is converting PowerPoints to videos. This allows you to upload them to edTube. By converting into videos it means the presentation can't be easily edited and edTube videos are easier to view in edStudios.

[Click here to view a tutorial on how to convert a PowerPoint into a video.](#)

You can also add a pointer to the video by holding the control key and left mouse key. This will allow you to highlight areas of the slide as you narrate.

The process of creating videos can be very useful such as:
Teachers can created video tutorials to cater for students needs,

Use in a flipped classroom so students view them for homework, Students can demonstrate understanding by explaining a concept, Create and share resources, create multimodal texts.





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Learning Pathways:

Favourite Edtube Albums

This pathway shares a list of useful edTube albums. When you view the albums be sure to click on the heart symbol to add to your favourites. This will make it easier to find and add images into edstudio.

The Buzz on Bee-Bots

Access key 9102481

This Learning Pathway provides a range of Bee Bot resources. Created by Kristine Kopelke.

Arts Connection

Access key L90065591

This Learning Pathway provides a range of arts resources.

Blog:

Using Animations across Subject Areas

The process of creating an animation can also be seen as a tool to demonstrate understanding as well as creating interesting stories. Here is a list of ideas of ways animations can be used across a range of subject areas.

Utilising the tools on your laptop

There is a great range of software available on your laptop which can be used in many ways. Here are a few examples:

Travel in time: Students can place themselves into pictures by removing the background of their image using *2010 PowerPoint*.

Interactive Map (fictional or non-fictional): Link images to points on a map using *PowerPoint hyperlink function*.

Interactive Ebook : click on a word and listen to speech by recording and adding sound to *PowerPoint*.

Reflect on an event: Students can reflect on an event by creating a comic and having characters discussing the topic. This can be created in *PowerPoint*.

Compare and Contrast: Create a Venn Diagram and other Graphic organisers using the *Smart Art tool in PowerPoint*.

Book Trailer: Students can demonstrate their understanding of a book they have read by creating a book trailer with images, audio, music and text by using *Photostory*.

Stop Motion Animation: Students can demonstrate their understanding of a concept by creating an animation using *Windows Movie Maker*. [Click here for a list of ideas](#).

Audio Book: Students can create their own audio book by recording their voice and adding sound effects using *Audacity*.

Digital Portfolio: Students can collate and document on their work to reflect on their learning using *OneNote*.

Timeline: [create a timeline using excel](#)

Persuasive Text post: create a poster using *Publisher*.

[For more ideas click here to read the blog.](#)

Don't forget to check the [OneChannel Calendar](#) for great Professional Development Opportunities.



Great Apps

Story Patch

StoryPatch is a great app which makes story writing fun for younger children and reluctant readers. This app provides prompts and choices allowing the student to see the process of story writing. You can then take advantage of the creative functions such as adding images, backgrounds, making your own character or adding your own images. The stories can then be saved and read later.

Doodle cam

This is a fun and entertaining app where you can take interesting photos and videos. You need a device with a camera and the app applies a filter to what you are looking at, you can choose from 11 different effects. You can take photos or record videos with a cartoon effect. The video mode also gives you the option of recording sound, mute or you can select from soundtracks provided. You can save the photos and videos to the photo gallery.

Talking Wee Mee

Create your own talking characters.

The Importance of Reflection

Reflection is an important part of the learning process. It is no accident that we use the word reflection similar to looking in a mirror, it gives us the opportunity to look at ourselves.

The process of reflection involves action, recognition and judgement and can be beneficial for both teachers and students by providing the ability to do the following:

- Identify strengths and feel a sense of pride in accomplishments
- Identify weaknesses and areas for improvement
- Plan strategies for success
- Encourage responsibility for learning
- Revision to reinforce learning



Using technology, there are many ways to encourage students to reflect on their own learning. Such as:

Digital Portfolios: documenting and collating the learning process through images, videos and text using OneNote or edStudio.

Podcast/Video: can do one overall reflection or a series of diary entries.

Talking avatars: this is a fun way for students to document their reflections, in case they are shy of video. Student can use the Logitech web cam, [voki](#) or ipod apps such as [Talking Tom](#).

Comics: Create a comic using guiding questions to assist with the reflection

Blog entries: students can document their learning and reflect over a period of time and learn from others.

Photostory: Use images, audio and text in Photostory to reflect on an event or unit of work.

For more ideas here is a link to a Learning Pathway created by Denise Tarlinton called [Reflecting on learning, reflecting as learning, reflecting for learning.](#)



Websites:

How to do research

This is an interactive site by The Kentucky virtual library which guides students through the research process. The process is presented visually and has been broken down. It also provides a 'Share your information' section where it offers a range of ideas on ways to share research work in the classroom.

SHOW world

This site displays a range of data in a visual form using the map of the world. Instead of land mass, the size of each country will change to represent the data for that subject. Categories include: People, Planet, Business, Politics and Living

Scholastic - 50 One Stop Learning Activities for P - 5

Scholastic provide many great resources for students and teachers. This site, in particular, contains a spinning wheel filled with interactive learning activities. There is an option for Grades P – 2 and Grades 3 – 5.

Subway Art Poster

Subway Art looks very similar to a [wordle](#) but you can have words in different fonts and include images. The Subway art usually has a theme and is filled with words which represent that theme.

This could be used for:

- 'About Me' activities,
- research task,
- unit of work,
- character description,
- decorate the room or create cards and many more ideas.

[Here is a link where you can see more examples.](#)

Here is an example of one created using PowerPoint.

To create one, open PowerPoint, go to *design* and *pagesetup* and select A4 size. Add a text box at a time and change the font, colour and size and composed the poster. A handy tip for 2010 PowerPoint, is you can select text and then click on drawing tools – text effects- transform – warp and then select square. This will allow you to stretch the text to fit the space you want.



Here is another example of a Subway Art poster with a Ned Kelly theme.

